

MINUTES

SELECTMEN'S/ASSESSORS' MEETING

Tuesday, September 3, 2019

William L. Pullen Municipal Building Meeting Room

6:30 p.m.

Selectmen Present: Greg Grotton, John Shepard, Sarah Drickey, Josh White, and Adam Fuller

Others Present: John Gibbons, Jim Justice, Martha Johnston-Nash, Erik Amundsen, P.J. Jacobs, George Ebbinghousen, Karen Poulin, Bill Lombardi, Holly Lombardi, and Joel Wentworth

1. Call Selectmen's Meeting to order: 6:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comment:

4. Approve minutes of Tuesday, August 6, 2019:

Motion by: Sarah Drickey

2nd by: Adam Fuller

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5. Sign Treasurer's Warrant dated Tuesday, September 3, 2019:

Motion by: John Shepard

2nd by: Sarah Drickey

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6. Presentation by "Friends of the TCC":

Karen Poulin stated that she is a member of the committee for the future of the TCC; a citizens group formed to bring the people of Union together to discuss important issues pertaining to the yellow school complex. There will be a community discussion on October 26th at 9:00 a.m. at the TCC building. The meeting will be facilitated by Jane Lafleur. Karen would like to extend the invite to the Board of Selectmen and anyone in town who has an interest in the future of the TCC.

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7. Accept the Planning Board resignation of Maria Pease:

Motion by: Sarah Drickey to accept the resignation of Maria Pease on 11/5/19.

2nd by: Adam Fuller

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8. Discussion on Come Spring Food Funding request:

Jay stated that this is an unusual request as this is usually established at town meeting. The Come Spring Food Pantry is asking for \$5000 for the next three years from the IC Thurston Fund. \$1000 has already been approved and gifted for this year; they are asking for an additional \$4000 from the fund. The Board would like to support the request, but they still have several questions and concerns they would like to clarify before making their decision.

Motion by: Sarah Drickey is requesting that the Come Spring Food Pantry Board comes to present at the next meeting.

2nd by: Adam Fuller

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9. Set tax rate and sign commitment (Jim Murphy):

Jim Murphy stated that the current tax rate is \$17.80. It will be increasing by .50 making the new mill rate \$18.30.

Motion by: Adam Fuller to accept the increased mill rate of \$18.30.

2nd by: John Shepard

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10. Discussion and vote on Browns Lane Property:

Jay is working with the attorney to change a quit claim deed to a warranty deed. He will need the proper signatures in order to make it an official warranty deed. The warranty deed makes the property more valuable if someone were to build on it. Banks will not lend on a quit claim deed.

Motion by: Adam to table the vote for now in order to establish the deed

2nd by: John Shepard

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11. Discussion on putting Solar Project on November Ballot:

Jay stated for the solar panels to be placed at the landfill, an engineering study will need to be done. This will take quite some time; possibly looking into April or May of 2020. Since money has not been allocated for this, it can be put on the November ballot to borrow money. Payment would be due June 2020. By waiting until the June ballot, it would be extended until the summer and the price point may increase by then.

Motion by: Adam Fuller to put it on the November ballot as written.

2nd by: Sarah Drickey

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12. Discussion on putting Land Use and Subdivision Ordinances Changes on the November Ballot and setting Public Hearing:

Jay stated that four pages are missing from the original June ordinance. There is a public hearing scheduled for Thursday, September 12th.

Motion by: John Shepard to put the Subdivision and Land Use Ordinances on the November ballot.

2nd by: Adam Fuller

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13. Town Manager's Report:

There was a question pertaining to the accessibility of the calendar on the town website. Jay stated that the calendar is very easy to access and read. The information is updated and current.

The streetlights are in the next phase.

A reminder to the Board: Jays annual review is coming up. The Board decided on October 1st.

14. Other Business:

15. Selectmen's Report:

16. Future Agenda Items:

Food Pantry

Browns Lane

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17. Adjourn:

Motion by: John Shepard

2nd by: Adam Fuller

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Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Patrick
Secretary